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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

8 April 1968

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

**SUBJECT: Handling of Intelligence Related to US
Reassessment of Soviet Ground Forces**

At a meeting of CIA, DIA, State, NSA, and Army representatives on 4 April, called to discuss the request of the Secretary of State for a review of intelligence community procedures for handling intelligence contacts [redacted]

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[redacted] concerning the reassessment now in progress, the following was agreed:

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1. For the time being, any further intelligence issuances by the joint CIA-DIA study group on Soviet ground forces would a) be accompanied by a caveat statement alerting the reader to the sensitivity of the subject and to the need to avoid unauthorized disclosure to representatives of foreign government and b) be disseminated to recipients by name. In addition, any intelligence documents incorporating information and judgments drawn from Joint Study publications would be similarly handled.

2. Each USIB component represented at the meeting will instruct its appropriate overseas and headquarters liaison personnel along the following lines:

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[redacted] have been informed, through a statement made [redacted]

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[redacted] that the US is currently conducting a comprehensive review of Warsaw Pact ground forces, that this review is not yet finished, and that revisions in present estimates may be required when the study is completed. Responses to inquiries seeking further information on methodology, sources, and preliminary findings of the US review should not go beyond the statement summarized above without reference to Washington for further instructions."

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3. When the Memorandum to Holders of NIE 11-14-67 is ready to go to USIB for approval, we will review the question of recommending a) the release of a sanitized version of the Memorandum to Holders [redacted] of NIE 11-14-67, and b) briefing -- on an all-source basis -- [redacted] on the methodology and findings of the Joint Study in conjunction with the release of the Memorandum to Holders.

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